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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicants have become aware of the following documents, cited in a Japanese Official Action mailed on October 12, 2007, during the prosecution of the Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-351434, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c), hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the translated Japanese Official Action and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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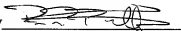
document is prior art. Moreover, Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)). Accordingly, the appropriate fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) is included.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 022956-0692.

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